

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL

March 16, 2011

Councilman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lords Prayer. Sheriff Mike Carothers did the swearing in of the Council.

Members Present: Councilman Thompson, Councilman Brewer, Councilman Wheeler,
Councilman Carmichael, Councilman Pottschmidt

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Carothers, Attorney Susan Bevers, Auditor Debra
Eggeman

Councilman Carmichael made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for the February 16, 2011 meeting. Councilman Brewer seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Carmichael reported that he had recently attended a meeting with Ratio Architects in regards to the space study for county offices. After much discussion it was determined that some of the options be tabled due to the economy. The Committee and Ratio Architects will continue to explore options which are more fiscally conservative and are now looking at more innovative ways to fill the needs.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel reported on Canine Control issues stating that the county may need to erect a building for holding the animals. Jason Fee is assisting with a site location.

Councilman Thompson reported that he recently attended a Solid Waste Management meeting. The Solid Waste Management District will be giving away four (4) \$500.00 scholarships. Schools have been notified and students will write an essay on recycling.

Councilman Thompson reported that there will be a document shredding on April 16, 2011 at the Seymour Co-Op office. Computers and medicines will also be accepted.

Councilman Thompson reported that four (4) schools are involved in a composting program. The schools are Brownstown Central, Jackson Elementary, Crothersville High School and Trinity Lutheran.

Councilman Thompson reported that a letter was received from DLGF Commissioner Brian Bailey stating that the Department has certified budget orders for 90 counties. Last year at this time 78 counties had received budget orders.

Councilman Thompson reported that he has received a letter stating that several counties were overpaid or underpaid their portion of local income tax distribution. Jackson County was overpaid 2.3% of the distribution received and monies will be repaid to the state at some point.

Councilman Thompson made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation requests. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted an Additional Appropriation request in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund. The request is for work to be done on Bridge #254. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted an Additional Appropriation request in the amount of \$18,013.95 from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for purchase of Salt & Cinders. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Courthouse Custodian Jana Wessell submitted an Additional Appropriation request in the amount of \$26,000.00 from Cumulative Capital Fund for the painting of the courthouse windows. Councilman Wheeler made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

County Commissioners submitted an Additional Appropriation request in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the General Obligation Bond (Series 2007) for the purchase of a new recording system for the meeting room. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

County Auditor Debra Eggeman requested approval of an Appropriation Reduction Resolution in the amount of \$4,941.00. This is a reduction from the Jail Budget (Jail Commander). Councilman Wheeler made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

County Attorney Susan Bevers submitted Ordinance #2011-6 for Council approval. Ordinance #2011-6 establishes a non-reverting ordinance violation fund whereas all monies received by the Sheriff's department for violations of the Canine Control Ordinance and Speeding tickets will be used solely for personnel training or supplies for the Jackson County Sheriff's department. Councilman Thompson read the Ordinance aloud. Brian Wheeler made a motion to approve. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Sheriff Mike Carothers requested that the department be able to use the monies for overtime for officers. The Ordinance was amended as requested. Councilman Carmichael made a motion to approve as amended. Councilman Brewer seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Susan Bevers also stated that she will be meeting with Plan Commissioner Mike Weir in regards to monies generated from property maintenance tickets.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Council that he has spoken with Ivy Tech on the issue of doing a space study for the county. After discussion on the way the study would be done, Jeff stated that he did not feel it would benefit the county. After much discussion Councilman Carmichael made a motion to cancel the contract with Ivy Tech. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Council discussed setting up a salary committee. It was decided that Council members would visit various offices in the courthouse and report back.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted his monthly jail report for February 2011 and Inmate Meals Expenditure report. Sheriff Carothers also spoke briefly about the CUFFS Program and thanked the local newspapers for all their assistance.

Councilman Carmichael made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Brewer seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Signed this 16th day of March, 2011.

Charlie Murphy – President

Brian Wheeler

Brian Thompson

Dennis Carmichael

Leon Pottschmidt

Greg Prange

J.L. Brewer